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SUBJECT: THAI MARINE POLICE MAKE LARGE DRUG SEIZURED

1. ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT (RTG) MARINE POLICE MADE ONE OF THE LARGEST DRUG SEIZURES OF THE YEAR ON DECEMBER 19 WHEN THEY UNCOVERED 114 KILOGRAMS OF 999 BRAND MORPHINE BASE ON THE SMALL ISLAND OF TONG TUNG TANG OFF THE COAST OF SURAT THANI PROVINCE. THE SEIZURE OCCURRED AFTER THAI POLICE, ASSISTED BY THE DEA OFFICE IN BANGKOK, HAD TRACKED THE TRAWLER THROUGH THE WATERS ALONG THE COAST OF SOUTHERN THAILAND. THE TRAWLER UNLOADED ITS ILLEGAL CARGO ON THE ISLAND AS IT HEADED FOR THE SHELTER OF A MAINLAND PORT IN SURAT THANI PROVINCE TO AVOID A STORM. THE CAPTAIN OF THE TRAWLER APPARENTLY HAD INTENDED TO RETURN TO PICK UP THE MORPHINE AFTER THE STORM ABATED AND CONTINUE HIS JOURNEY TO HONG KONG. IF THE STORM HAD NOT INTERVENED, RTG POLICE WOULD HAVE ATTEMPTED TO INTERDICT THE TRAWLER AT SEA.

2. THE LARGE SEIZURE HAS ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE PRESS ATTENTION AND IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF A WELL-
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